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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/699,224 Confirmation No. : 8386
Applicants : Peter Rice et al.
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Group Art Unit : 1645
Examiner : S. Devi

Docket No. : BOS/3
Customer No. : 1473

For : PEPTIDE MIMICS OF CONSERVED GONOCOCCAL
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of February 26, 2003 in the above-identified application. The deadline for responding is May 26, 2003. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a three-month extension of time and have paid the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(3). With the extension, the reply to the Office Action is due on August 26, 2003.

Appln. No. 09/699,224
Amdt. dated August 26, 2003
Reply to Office Action of Feb. 26, 2003

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.